



Welcome to the  
Probate and Family Court  
Department of the  
Massachusetts Trial Court.

Many Probate and  
Family Law matters  
involve complex and  
valuable legal rights.  
You should always  
speak with an attorney  
before filing any papers.

# LOOKING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

This booklet  
contains a list of  
Lawyer Referral Services,  
Free Legal Resources and  
Legal Aid Agencies in

DUKES COUNTY

## LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES

## LEGAL RESOURCES

The  
Massachusetts  
Trial Court  
provides free  
legal resources

## MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

### LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced  
fee panel.

Call (617) 654-0400 or (800) 392-6164

e-mail: [lrs@massbar.org](mailto:lrs@massbar.org)

To register online, visit

[www.massbar.org/lawhelp/](http://www.massbar.org/lawhelp/)

## BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

### LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced fee panel.

Serves mainly Greater Boston, inside Route 495, but will  
provide referrals throughout Massachusetts.

Call (617) 742-0625 or e-mail: [lrs@bostonbar.org](mailto:lrs@bostonbar.org)

For more information, visit

[www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index](http://www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index)

### MASSACHUSETTS JUDICIAL BRANCH WEB SITE

The official web site of the Judicial Branch includes  
judicial profiles, addresses, phone numbers and  
directions for courthouses as well as other useful  
information about the Trial Court. Click on  
[www.state.ma.us/courts](http://www.state.ma.us/courts)

### BARNSTABLE LAW LIBRARY

First District Courthouse  
Barnstable, MA 02630

The Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries are open to  
the public, providing legal reference services and legal  
research assistance. The library is open from 8:30 am. to  
4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Assistance is also  
available by telephone, fax and e-mail. Ask at the Registry  
of Probate for the Law Libraries pamphlet which provides  
more details. Call (508) 362-8539 or visit the Law Libraries  
web site [www.lawlib.state.ma.us](http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us)

Free  
resources  
offered by the  
Massachusetts  
Bar Association

TEL-LAW

Tel-Law is a collection of recorded messages designed to answer basic questions about the law. Tel-Law is fully automated and you can access it 24 hours/day by calling (617) 338-0669. (Toll charges may apply)

WEB SITE

The MBA's web site offers answers to basic legal questions. Point your browser to [www.massbar.org](http://www.massbar.org)

DIAL-A-LAWYER

The first Wednesday of every month you can get free legal help, by telephone, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Lawyer volunteers staff phones to answer your questions.

Call (617) 338-0610

LEGAL  
SERVICE  
AGENCIES

These resources  
are available  
only to very  
low income and  
elderly  
individuals

LEGAL SERVICES FOR CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

460 West Main Street

Hyannis, MA 02601

(508) 775-7020 or (508) 428-8161 or (800) 742-4107

Handles divorces for primary caretakers with abuse and contested custody.

NEW CENTER FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY

257 Union Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

(800) 244-9023

Handles divorce, custody and guardianship cases with priority given to cases involving domestic abuse.

Serves Gosnold only.

LEGAL ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Provides telephone information, pro se assistance and referrals to legal service agencies. Intake hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Call (800) 342-5297